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## STATE APPROPRIATIONS

# Justice Center becomes 1-year plan

By RYAN BRONSON  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

**A**s a result of Gov. Mel Carnahan's generosity, the new and improved Anderson Justice Center could be ready for use as soon as the fall of 1997, according to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

Initially, the College had planned for the \$4.9 million renovations to take place in three phases, but Carnahan, in his fourth year as Missouri governor, recommended funding for the entire project in fiscal year 1997.

"We were proceeding with the design where we could phase it if necessary," Tiede said. "This will make it a lot easier to design and a lot easier to bid."

"Any time you bid a project in phases, you always worry about the latter phases that can be inflated."

Tiede said bidding for the project

could begin even before the College receives the appropriation.

"What we'll probably do is go out and bid in June, and then hopefully get our bids back in where we could be ready to award a bid as soon as [the state] would release the money," he said.

If approved by the legislature, the money should be available July 1, Tiede said, and construction could begin as soon as Aug. 1 with an approximate one-year construction period.

Dr. Blake Wolf, head of the criminal justice department, agreed that eliminating the phasing process would be beneficial, but not for the same reasons as Tiede.

"Obviously, we are going to hopefully get into the building a lot sooner than we would have had it been in the form of a phasing-in type process," Wolf said. "Right now, we only have five classrooms, and we have a kazillion majors. It's going to

give us a lot more flexibility."

Renovations at the Center will include remodeling one of the current classrooms to be included with the crime lab, a two-story main addition with classrooms and offices, an auditorium similar to the one in Matthews Hall, and a recreation room.

"It's going to give us a lot more options in terms of the things we do in the police academy and the type of classes we offer," Wolf said. "I think the biggest plus is the scheduling and the new facilities. We'll have a simulation room and we'll be able to set up our shooting system in a permanent room."

Wolf said the new facilities would be an excellent recruiting tool.

"I think it's real similar to coaches talking about an arena or a football field," he said. "Obviously this will be a recruiting tool for us when we bring them in and kind of be able to showcase our building, not that

we've got a bad building now, but this will be so much better."

"In terms of prospective students and their parents, I think that they'll know we have a building that really reflects the size of our program," Wolf said.

In addition to funding for the Center, Carnahan included a \$600,000 capital improvement appropriation for a new main chiller. Currently, Southern has a main chiller and a backup chiller. The new chiller will replace the current backup chiller, and the current main chiller will become the backup.

Part of the chiller appropriation is for a new tower, one of the main obstacles according to Tiede.

"Part of the problem is that the old [chiller] is a smaller chiller than what we need for a main chiller and so the cooling tower that goes with it is smaller," he said. "So, when we replace it, we're going to have to replace the cooling tower as well."

## Anderson Justice Center additions



- Existing building** — Will be remodeled, adding an existing classroom to the crime lab.
- Main addition** — Two stories in conjunction with existing building. Will include classrooms and offices.
- Auditorium addition** — To be used for seminars, shows, etc. Similar to Matthews Auditorium.
- Recreation room addition** — Used for hand-to-hand combat training and exercises.

RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

## Thanks, Mel!

FY '97 Governor's Recommendation for Missouri Southern

## OPERATING BUDGET

## Ongoing Funds:

FY '96 Appropriation.....	\$15,054,369
Inflationary Increase.....	\$632,295
Funding for Results.....	\$413,198
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$179,867
Mission Enhancement.....	\$796,697

## One-time Funds:

Information Technology.....	\$211,141
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Operating Budget.....	\$17,287,567
Total Increase.....	\$2,233,198

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Anderson Justice Center.....	\$4,961,300
Main chiller.....	\$600,000
Total.....	\$5,561,300

GRAND TOTAL.....	\$22,848,867
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## STATE APPROPRIATIONS

## Carnahan's budget suits Southern

By RYAN BRONSON  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

**G**ov. Mel Carnahan demonstrated the strength of Missouri's economy by recommending a nearly 15 percent increase in state appropriations for Missouri Southern for the 1997 fiscal year. In the governor's budget released last week, Southern is set to receive more than a \$2.2 million increase over last year's \$15 million operating budget. Overall, Carnahan recommended a \$94.2 million increase in operating budgets for Missouri's higher education institutions.

The College probably will see most, if not all, of this increase assuming the Missouri legislature approves Carnahan's recommendations, according to Dr. Julio Leon, College president.

"There is always that chance [that the legislature would cut money from the recommended allotment]," Leon said. "There's also a chance that it might be increased, too. The legislature still can change some of those things, but the experience over the last two years has shown that the legislature [goes along with the governor's recommendation]."

More than \$2 million of the recommendation is ongoing funds, meaning that the College will retain those appropriations in future years. As for one-time funds, Southern should receive \$211,141 for information technology, the third straight year the College has received such an appropriation.

In addition to the increase in Southern's

## GO ROSEBUD GO!



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## SPECIAL ELECTION

## City to vote on events center March 5

### Board of Regents gives go ahead to project's six-man operations board

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

**T**he major events center proposal soon will be in the hands of Joplin voters on March 5.

The Missouri Southern Board of Regents gave the center's operating manual the green light during its Jan. 19 meeting. But the manual must still be approved by the Joplin City Council at its Feb. 5 meeting.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said a six-person committee, consisting of three representatives from both the College and Joplin, would hold the key to all major decisions concerning the operation of the center.

College President Julio Leon said even though the center would sit on 40 acres of

Southern soil, its operations and intentions are geared toward the whole four-state community.

"This facility is for the purpose of major events that are going to be for the benefit of the whole community," Leon said. "Somehow, there is this perception that this facility is going to be used and controlled by the College. In fact, the events that the College will use the facility for will be minimal compared to the other kinds of entertainment that will come here."

"The facility is going to be for the use and benefit of Joplin."

With the College receiving some negative feedback from Joplin residents concerning the proposed three-eighths of a cent sales tax increase, Leon stressed he wants Joplin taxpayers to know they are not paying for a Missouri Southern events center, but for "their own" events center.

"This is certainly not something that the College is entering in order to take advantage of the taxpayers or the city of Joplin as it has a tendency to be portrayed," he said.

Besides the sales tax proposal, Leon said the \$25 million project would not meet financial expectations, the College would be held responsible, not the city of Joplin or its taxpayers.

The College would also be responsible for the maintenance and personnel aspects of running the center.

"If the facility would be in a situation where the revenue would not meet the expenses of the College, the College will bear the risks of that loss. The taxpayers and the city would not be reliable for that loss."

Leon said he thinks a building of this magnitude could be the missing piece to Joplin's economic puzzle.

"We have essentially become a part of this agreement because we are going to benefit from it," he said. "But more than anything, we think the College has an obligation to become a part of the growth and vision of this area."

"That vision and investment of the people of Joplin and Jasper County has made great returns to that growth and vision."

student services, said his major goal was getting the word out not only to students who live in Joplin homes but to students in the College's residence halls. The student services office sent out more than 2,400 letters asking students to get registered and to vote on March 5.

"I think it is essential that the students vote, and I think it is the constitutional right of anyone," Dolence said. "As a college,

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The Chart investigates the different aspects from the College and throughout the community concerning ...



## EVENTS CENTER '96

Jan. 25 — Southern's Aspect

Feb. 1 — City Outlook

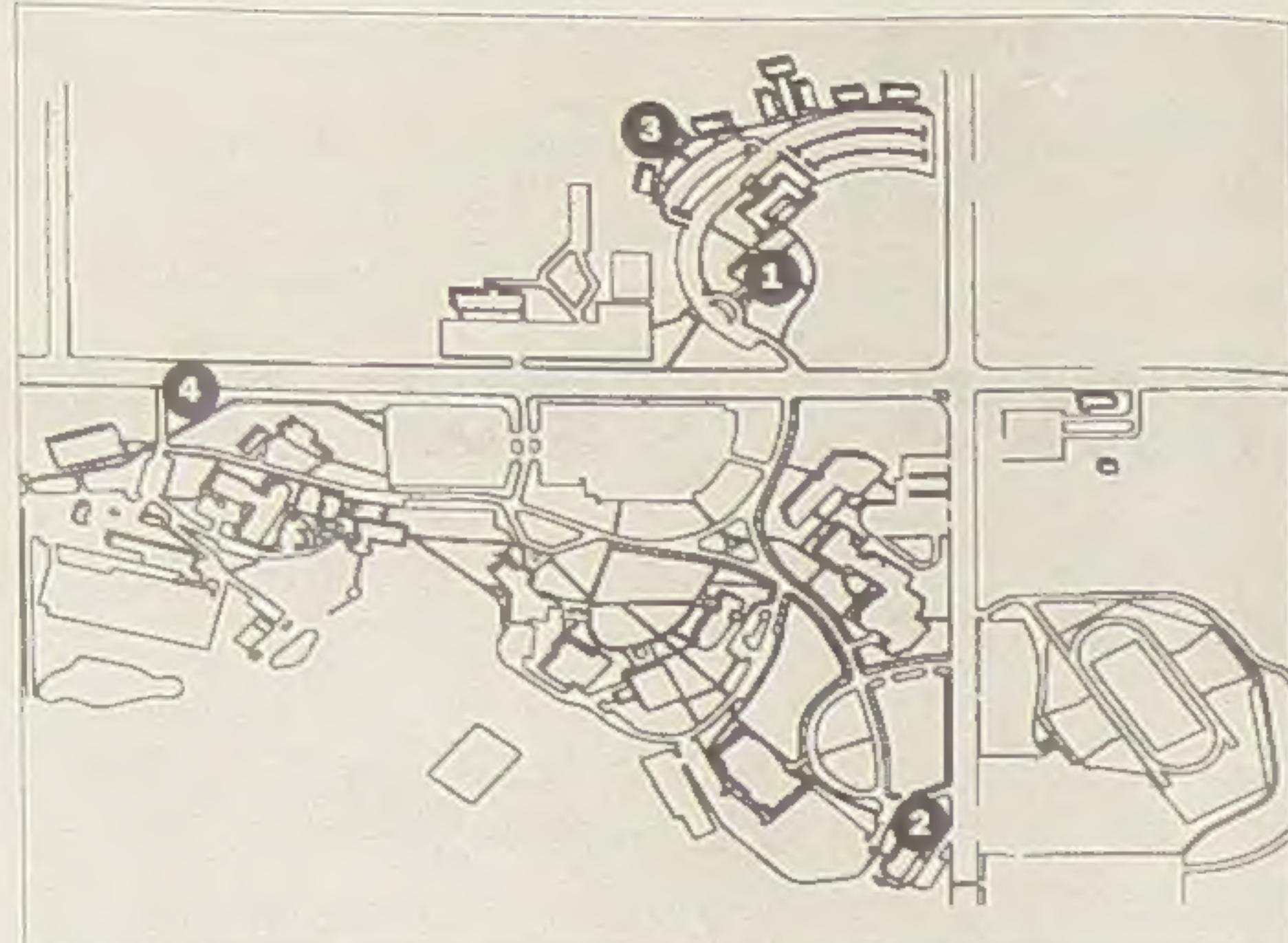
Feb. 8 — Business Aspect

Feb. 15 — Athletic Aspect

Feb. 22 — Entertainment Aspect

Feb. 29 — A Final Look/ The Vote

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**SECURITY REPORT**

<b>1</b>	1/06/96	MCCORMICK HALL	6:45 p.m.	Two students tried to gain entrance into McCormick Hall during the Christmas break while the campus was closed by throwing a set of keys at a lighted window, hoping to get the attention of the resident of the room. The resident called campus security, who told the students to leave the campus.
<b>2</b>	1/16/96	TAYLOR HALL	9 a.m.	Nancy Smith reported four utility carts were missing from the first and second floors.
<b>3</b>	1/16/96	STEGGE HALL	7 p.m.	Shelbi Day, freshman undecided major, reported a portable CD player valued at \$250 was stolen from her room while she was attending class. Campus security advised she report the theft to the Joplin Police Department.
<b>4</b>	1/18/96	NEWMAN ROAD	2:25 p.m.	Erik Kaines, assistant women's basketball coach, reported he lost control of a College vehicle on the snow-packed street and slid into a ditch. There was no visible damage to the vehicle.

CAMPAIGN '96

**C-SPAN to visit campus**

**Network bus to host tours en route to '96 political convention**

By CRAIG BEFFA  
EDITORIAL EDITOR

**C**-SPAN's school bus will be visiting Missouri Southern Tuesday as part of its Campaign '96 tour of America's schools and cable systems.

Cablecom's Tish Waddell and Jean Campbell, promotions director of Missouri Southern's telecommunications system, have tried to get the bus to visit Joplin, with no success. But now, with the addition of a bus, that possibility has become a reality.

"A couple of years ago, Jean Campbell and I worked together to get C-SPAN's school bus to visit Joplin," Waddell said. "But they already did their itinerary for that year. This year, they called us and since they have two buses now, they said that they will be in our vicinity."

"They asked if we were interested in having them visit Joplin."

The two vehicles will be dividing their focus between the Republican and Democratic presidential races with one bus following a path to the Republican con-

vention in San Diego and the other traveling to the Democratic convention in Chicago.

"Judy Stiles will be interviewing C-SPAN personnel on her program 'Newsmakers,'" Campbell said.

"'Newsmakers'" can be seen on KGCS-LP Channel 7.

Through tours and presentations aboard the bus, instructors and students can learn how C-SPAN and its campaign/election coverage can be used to bring the political process to life in the classroom.

"C-SPAN sends its 45-foot school bus out to towns to promote the election process and to give students hands-on experience on the bus," Waddell said.

A tour will be conducted for students to gain hands-on experience using the supplies on the bus.

"Only 12 students will be allowed at a time on the bus, since it is a small bus," Waddell said.

While the bus is on the campaign trail, C-SPAN will follow its progress by televising on-air updates and short programs from various places of historical interest.

Campaign election programming will also air live from the bus as it stops at campaign sites across the country.

"We sent out over 100 invitations to area senators, city officials, the mayor, principals, board members, and the president and vice president of Southern," Waddell said.

"A big part of the people who called to say they would attend are tied to Southern, meaning faculty and staff."

America's cable television companies created C-SPAN in 1979 to provide live, gavel-to-gavel coverage of the U.S. House of Representatives. C-SPAN 2 was created in 1986 to cover the U.S. Senate.

"Since the bus will only be in town for four hours, there will be no time to hold workshops for teachers," Waddell said, "but they still emphasize how teachers could integrate C-SPAN into their lessons."

With in-depth coverage of the campaign and election process, the executive and judicial branches of the government, and other national and international public affairs programming, C-SPAN viewers receive a comprehensive public affairs picture.

"The bus will be coming from Springfield, and after they leave here, they will be going to Kansas City," Waddell said.

In 1996, C-SPAN is taking a "two-tiered" approach to its coverage of the political campaigns.

C-SPAN will focus heavily on the presidential race and C-SPAN 2 will concentrate on the congressional races.

"This is exciting for our campus," Campbell said, "because C-SPAN has such a national image." □

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# College requests financial aid early

By RYAN BRONSON  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

**W**ith the federal government once again in disarray, Steve LaFever and Jim Gilbert have taken extra steps to help Missouri Southern's students receive their financial aid on time.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

## Patrons appreciate thank-you letters

Almost 1,000 students apply each year

By GENIE UNDERNEHR  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**F**or many Missouri Southern students, patron scholarships provide much-needed relief from financial aid worries.

Carol Danner, scholarship and performing awards coordinator, said she receives approximately 1,000 student applications for patron scholarships each year and awards around 50 to 75 scholarships each semester.

"We have approximately 200 patrons [who donate money for scholarships], although the majority of the scholarships will be held by students for as long as they meet the criteria," Danner said.

The College sets the criteria, such as a minimum grade-point average and a number of credit hours, and some patrons may also specify a set of criteria students have to meet in order to receive their particular scholarships.

"A majority of the patrons do specify a major," Danner said. "And, for example, some specify that the student must be a junior or senior."

The College also requires the students who receive the scholarships to write thank-you letters to their patrons. Danner said 14 students lost their scholarships this semester because they failed to write the letter and/or send a copy of the letter to the scholarship office.

Danner said the thank-you letters, although they may seem trivial to some students, are an important part in the patron scholarship program.

"There have been, in the past, patrons who have retracted their scholarships because they were offended by a lack of response," she said. "That makes less scholarships available for students who need them."

The College also holds an appreciation banquet each semester for the patrons.

"The patrons look forward to it," she said. "It is a matter of courtesy. They are donating a lot of money and they really appreciate when the recipients acknowledge their money is being appreciated."

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, is a member of the scholarship committee which helps find students who meet the criteria for patron scholarships. Dolence also believes in the importance of the thank-you letters.

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being Missouri Southern students. They will find out where they will be studying in April, she said.

"We take their applications from here and forward them on to the ISEP national office in Washington, D.C.," Schmidt said. "They have a huge placement process where they take in all the applicants from all the institutions that participate and try to get everyone placed."

On the application, students mark where they would like to study out of the 100 different universities around the world. According to Schmidt, Great Britain is the most

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## ISEP

## Four students apply for exchange program

By MICHAEL DAVISON  
ARTS EDITOR

**A**lthough this is the first year for Missouri Southern students to apply to the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), the turnout is comparable to universities with established programs.

"We had four apply, which we feel is a really good number," said Nadine Schmidt, ISEP coordinator on campus. "I've talked to some larger institutes and they only send about five a year, so I'm real excited that our first year we have four."

These four students will study for a year at another school while still

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**A**t the second business meeting of the semester, the Student Senate showed an active interest in the push for the proposed multi-events center.

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, addressed the Senate on the possible advantages to the College and the community.

"On the ballot, it's called Proposition J," Dolence said. "It stands for Joplin and jobs."

"I've been here for 27 years, and this is the greatest thing to happen to Missouri Southern stu-

dents, and they won't have to pay a penny."

Dolence stressed the need for such a facility. "Every year we lack the facilities for cocurricular activities," he said.

Dolence made arguments backing the 3/8 cents sales tax, highlighting the 95% possible jobs it might create, and the business it can bring to the local community.

"This facility would add an entirely new dimension to student life on campus," he said. "I would encourage you, as Student senators, to talk to your friends."

Sophomore Jason Talley asked questions regarding the new projects the College is initiating.

"We have not yet completed the Student Life Center," he said. "Wouldn't it house some of the same facilities?"

Dolence called the College's ownership of buildings, "one bonded indebtedness."

"We don't own one building on this campus, they are all in debt," he said. "This is because they are all relatively new buildings. We lack at least 10 years paying everything off."

Dolence went on to explain that the College would give up 40-plus acres of land for the facility and would have to provide maintenance. But the College would retain ownership of the facility once it was paid off. □

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Health Fair to provide free screenings for faculty

The 1996 Health Fair will take place Tuesday, Jan. 30 through Thursday, Feb. 1 from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Billingsley Student Center Connor Ballroom.

The Fair will offer free health screenings for all Missouri Southern faculty and staff. Cost for spouses or dependents and retirees is \$15 for the blood screen.

Some of the screenings include blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, coronary risk factor, hemocult (screening for colon cancer), fitness testing, TB skin test, and tetanus boosters.

The goal of the Health Fair is to promote the awareness of a healthy lifestyle, early detection of disease, and preventive care options.

All participants will receive a detailed analysis of their screening along with information to aid in the explanation of the results. The results are not intended to be diagnostic, but are instead provided in order to raise awareness about current levels of physical wellness. □

'Phoning for the Future' to begin Sunday, Feb. 4

The theme of the 14th annual Missouri Southern Foundation Phon-A-Thon is "Phoning for the Future." Banks of phones are ready, and a force of volunteers is prepared for the two-week event sponsored by the Missouri Southern Foundation on behalf of the College. The Phon-A-Thon begins with a brief ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 in the Alumni House.

The theme reflects efforts to continue to enhance the expertise of the faculty through development, the academic futures of the students with scholarships, the offerings in the various departments by keeping pace with world changes, and the College's international mission.

Teams formed from more than 250 volunteers will staff a bank of telephones in the Alumni House Feb. 4 through Feb. 15 to contact more than 14,000 alumni, former students, parents of students, and friends of the College. In addition to those making the calls, other volunteers will assist with keeping records, mailing pledge cards and certificates, and providing refreshments to the callers.

Co-chairmen for the 1996 Phon-A-Thon are Glenn Wilson of Joplin and Gene Wild of Sarcoxie, members of the Foundation's board of directors, with assistance from Jim Spicer, Foundation board president. Dr. James Shaver, professor of business, will serve as captain for the opening day. □

'Christian Music Videos' to join MSTV lineup

Missouri Southern Television is adding a new program called "Christian Music Videos" to the KGCS-LP lineup at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and at 8 p.m. Thursdays beginning Feb. 7.

Bryan Lawler, from Liberty, is producing the show and is also serving as the program's technical director. Shelby Neely, from Carthage, will host the show.

"I got the idea for this program in the spring of '95 while I was taking Advanced Television Production from Mr. [Tward] Bryant," Lawler said.

"I had to do a 30-minute pilot program. Because of the time involved finding a music video source, I did the pilot and got organized last semester."

Lawler said Christian music is being played on mainstream radio and its appeal is growing because of its new sounds.

"There is a wide variety, and it's not just the traditional gospel sounds," he said.

Recent Christian music concerts in Joplin have been sold out, which shows an interest in this type of music. □

## Dolence addresses Senate

By KIKI COFFMAN  
STAFF WRITER

## COLLEGE POLICIES



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John Stout, freshman business major, scrapes ice and snow off the windshield of his 1987 camaro Thursday. Classes were canceled at noon because weather conditions prevented students from attending.

## Ice, wind chill closes campus

Officials consider facts, statistics before canceling

By RONNA SPARKS  
STAFF WRITER

**W**hile most students in the area were trapped at home last Thursday and Friday, Missouri Southern students were required to battle the elements just to attend classes.

"As a general proposition, we're not going to cancel as often as high schools because students have an option," he said. "There's a lot more decision available on the part of the students and I think that, coupled with the 2,500 nucleus of students in a close proximity, means it's going to be pretty unusual circumstances before we'll cancel."

Though students are able to make their own decisions upon whether to attend class in such situations, many still questioned the wisdom of holding school when road conditions were dangerous.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said the weather is unpredictable and the decision to hold classes was made with the facts and statistics in mind.

"Trying to judge the weather is not a perfect decision," he said. "Our philosophy is to hold classes wherever we can."

The decision to hold classes or to close the College is made in the early morning hours after the physical plant has tried to combat the precipitation. A crew comes on campus at approximately 6 a.m. to begin clean-up, and if there looks to be a problem, College officials are then contacted, Tiede said.

Although Southern's student population is almost 80 percent commuters, this fact isn't readily considered.

"We primarily look at the amount of snow and the ability of the crew to have the campus in shape," Tiede said.

Angela Smith, senior elementary education major, finds this to be unsatisfactory.

"I don't think they thought about those of us who had to drive," she said. "Carthage is only 20 miles away, but a lot can happen in 20 miles." □

Missouri Southern students walk to and from classes outside Webster Hall Friday morning. The College was open in spite of ice, wind chill.

BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Students, and they won't have to pay a penny."

Dolence stressed the need for such a facility. "Every year we lack the facilities for cocurricular activities," he said.

Dolence made arguments backing the 3/8 cents sales tax, highlighting the 95% possible jobs it might create, and the business it can bring to the local community.

"This facility would add an entirely new dimension to student life on campus," he said. "I would encourage you, as Student senators, to talk to your friends."

Sophomore Jason Talley asked questions regarding the new projects the College is initiating.

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

**Mom's death leaves editor bereft, alone**

**O**n Dec. 8, 1995, life pulled the rug out from under me. The semester was almost over, finals were scheduled for the next week, and I was looking forward to Christmas break and going home to see my family. I was happy, and life was good.

Four words turned my world upside down. "Someone's killed your mother," my dad said. Nobody knew how or why at the time, but it didn't matter.

All I knew was that she was gone and I would never see her again.

I have always been very independent and never thought I ever really needed another person, until I lost my mother.

In that moment when my dad told me she was dead, I didn't think about all the things I wish I had told her. Instead, I thought of all the things I would never be able to share with her. She will never see me graduate. She won't share my next birthday, as I won't share hers. I can't call her anymore when I feel like talking, and it's just not the same calling someone else.

She was my best friend, my confidant. I trusted her, depended on her, like I never let myself depend on anyone else. She gave me my strength when I had cancer and continued to support me in anything I attempted. I thought she would always be there for me.

I took her presence in my life for granted, never truly realizing just how much I needed her until she was gone.

I think about her every day. I'll experience something new and catch myself thinking, "I'll have to tell Mom about that." Or I'll have a question and I'll think, "I'll ask Mom, she'll know."

But then I remember I can't tell her or ask her anything. I think of her and all of a sudden I feel lost, helpless, and very much alone, even though I know there are many others who care about me.

I am still coming to terms with her death, as is my family. I spent the last month putting my mother's estate in order. Oddly enough, it helped me keep my mind off her death.

I have tried to be strong for the rest of my family, and in doing so I have not given myself a chance to mourn her.

Now it's been well over a month and a new semester is under way. I know life must go on and soon the hurt will lessen, although I can't imagine it completely going away.

I know I have to be strong and pick up where I left off, but part of me doesn't want to go on. Part of me wants to stay here, where the pain is still so fresh, so I know I won't forget her.

I'm afraid if I move forward I'll lose her and leave her behind. I don't want to forget the sound of her voice, her laugh. I don't want to forget her smiles, or all her other expressions and habits.

I have pictures of her everywhere so I won't forget what she looks like. How can I go on, when she was such a part of me?

But I know, like always, I will survive this. She died, but I'm still breathing and thinking, and feeling. I'll wake up every morning and I'll go to sleep every night. And soon I won't think of her every day, but small happenings will trigger happy memories. Soon I'll remember her with a smile, not with tears. ☐

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## IN PERSPECTIVE

**Student ends 'relationship' after 3 years**

**M**y first girlfriend described me as an emotional rock, and I guess that is true. Those who pass my outer shell are a selected few, a few who bear the brunt of my dreams, my hopes, and my aspirations. Love is never a light thing, especially with me. In fact, there are only four people who have ever heard "I love you" coming from my lips.

There is no greater hurt, though, than when something you love hurts you. It is a feeling, not unlike a spiraling depression in the stomach, a feeling that tears the heart.

Tonight I am hurting because one who I love is letting me down. As I said above, I don't give my love lightly, so please don't take this as a plea for pity, or a soliloquy of self interest. For me, the relationship is almost over, and I don't quite know how to leave.

This whirlwind started in June 1993. Three years, I can hardly believe it's been so long. I would hate to count the dollars I've spent to keep us together, the hours of work, and countless times when I wanted to give up, but our relationship kept me going.

It has grown to encompass much, sometimes too much, of my life. Though I wouldn't trade what I have had, in the back of my mind I know there is something missing, that there must be something more.

I remember thinking in high school that this relationship would change my life, and it has, but... I dunno. I care about her future, though I know I can not remain in her life much longer. The hurt is real; the things left undone, the words left unsaid.

I love Southern, not the buildings nor the grounds, but the heart she has provided in the form of caring faculty and loving friends.

Tonight, I was talking to a freshman, who said, "I hate this place. College is just like high school, but I have to pay for it." We had school Friday, well sort of.

I had two classes, neither professor showed, and I guess about half of the business classes were canceled, and several nursing students were told, "Don't come in Friday, regardless of whether school is open, we're closed." Not such a big deal to me, but to a mother of three who brought her children in from Nevada for an 8 a.m. class, it was a perilous ordeal.

I was at the CMSU game the other night as our athletes played their hearts out in OT. Fifty Central fans were making more noise than the entire Southern crowd. We tried to raise money for the United Way at the picnic, but students and faculty only came up with \$300. Then I watched as a professor took a flat of strawberries that student money paid for. What has this come to?

This column isn't another speech about apathy. Southerners care, but we are so busy playing the "work" game that we forget what college is all about. I understand, believe me! I owe VISA as much as anybody, and I work 30 hours a week just to make ends meet.

But, regardless of whether you are 50-year-old non-trad or a freshman, college isn't a vo-tech. It is a place of higher education, not the education you can get in books, but the experiences

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## OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

**College should better prepare for adverse weather conditions**

**H**ow foul must the weather be before Missouri Southern officials decide to cancel classes for the day?

Students and faculty alike were left in a state of bewilderment last week when Blizzard '96 (Missouri style) hit Joplin. Wind-chill temperatures tumbled below minus 20 degrees, causing commuters to douse buckets of hot water into the cracks of their automobiles to unfreeze frozen-shut car doors.

From the scarce group of individuals who happened to make it to class Thursday morning, many had to turn around and head back home because several instructors could not or did not make it to class. Wisely, College officials closed Missouri Southern at noon—but only after it became obvious the decision to hold morning classes was ill-judged and inappropriate.

On Friday, the circumstances were much the same, although the wind died down a tad and workers got a chance to spread salt and cinder on the icy roads and sidewalks around campus. But that didn't help those students who had to drive to school on sheets of ice from as far away as Nevada. This isn't the University of Missouri, where 90 percent of the student population lives on campus. In fact, approximately 90 percent of Missouri Southern students live off campus.

It's safe to say that students were slipping and sliding their

way to class and more than a few fell on their keisters. If College officials are adamant about keeping school open with icy roads and sidewalks, maybe they should consider making an investment. Spending a few thousand dollars on environmentally safe chemicals which are scientifically proven to melt ice could save the College hundreds of thousands of dollars in lawsuits. Universities and colleges are among the most vulnerable institutions for lawsuits pertaining to injuries due to mishaps on ice. Buckets turned upside down with signs that read "Caution: Walk on snow area" aren't going to protect the College if a student falls and cracks his or her skull.

Using cinder to alleviate slippery sidewalks not only doesn't work very well, but it eventually ends up on the floors of our buildings, which surely causes headaches for the College's custodial staff.

At an institution that claims it puts the students first, the students should have a say about their health and well-being. Closing the campus when clear and present danger exists is a safety decision, not a business decision, and so far the College has been fortunate.

We have elected student officials who are supposed to represent the student body. These officials should have a significant say in matters which may have an adverse effect on students (e.g. mandatory ice skating). □

## YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

**Disgruntled commuter questions decision**

**D**oes human life have value? Apparently the upper echelon of Missouri Southern's decision-makers think not.

Both faculty and students were put at great risk to life and limb last Thursday and Friday when the school remained open despite ice-covered roads, sidewalks, and generally hazardous travel conditions.

Oh, excuse me...the school did close Thursday at noon. The word is the school closed early because of the wind chill factor not because of the dangerous road surfaces.

What was the reasoning behind the recent decision that Southern should hold classes when every other school (outside higher education institutions) decided to cancel classes?

This college is primarily a commuter campus. Some students drive an hour or more to reach school. When Southern stays open, in defiance of warnings to stay off the roads from the Highway Patrol and local authorities, students either put their grades in jeopardy or join the faculty to gamble with their lives, their health, or their sole source of transportation.

Many students do not have newer model vehicles or a garage to protect cars from ice and winds. Suppose a student or faculty member had car trouble in that weather and were stranded somewhere. Just a few minutes outside and a person's skin will begin to freeze.

Motorists were advised not to travel unless it was an "absolute emergency." Was it "an absolute emergency" to hold classes in the balance of all the risks? We aren't learning or performing brain surgery or heart transplants here. So what did we really learn from this experience? Well, we learned a tough lesson—the top brass here does not care whether we live or die.

Ten years from now will it matter whether we went to MSSC on Jan. 19, 1996? It would only matter if we had an accident attempting to traverse treacherous roadways on those days.

What about the faculty? What was the purpose of risking life to come to school and then face mostly empty classrooms? Teachers can't provide the same learning environment with so few students present to participate.

Maybe the purpose behind the decision

was to teach students what the "real" work world is like. Perhaps this was a misguided attempt to show us employers care more about the almighty buck than about individual employees.

(A SMART employer realizes you get more production from an employee who feels valued and important. A SMART employer also receives more loyalty from an employee who isn't forced to put his life on the line.)

But, who really plays the role of employer in a college setting? Aren't students the ones who pay the College to produce a learning environment? We are, after all, the reason this College can pay the more than \$110,000 salary plus benefits enjoyed by the College president.

I think we have more value than was attributed to us last week.

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# Web arrives for the Internet-challenged

**Southern now has direct access to the computer network**

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD  
STAFF WRITER

For those who are still waiting for a taxi to take them cruising on the Internet, it just pulled up to the curb. Missouri Southern now has direct access to the World-Wide Web from every Local Area Network on campus.

The change was completed Jan. 3, but testing began in November. Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, believes the move was necessary. "Any college will need to migrate

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to the World-Wide Web just to stay up," he said. "Students need to know how to use the technology."

Fortunately, it has never been easier to learn. The WWW is accessed through Windows and does not require any password or user identification number.

"The two hosts that we have are Netscape and EBSCO," said Ed Wuch, associate professor of the library. "Netscape will take them into anything on the Web. They can go anywhere in the world and get information on academic interests and even purchase commodities."

"EBSCO allows our students to have access to magazine articles that we might not have subscriptions to and that might not be available through the image worksta-

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tion downstairs. You can print the article directly from the Internet."

Two additional changes need to be made before the system will operate at peak efficiency, Earney said.

"We find it puts too much of a load on our server, and we've had

some bottlenecks because our line isn't big enough to keep up with the volume," he said. "Early in February we will upgrade the line from a 56K to a 384K to increase speed."

Earney estimates the cost of upgrading the server at \$1,000, but

the real expense is in upgrading the line. The College currently pays \$500 per month for the 56K line, and the upgrade will double that figure.

Students who wish to access the Web from their home computers will have to wait a few months.

"By the end of this funding year, which is in June, we plan to have a number available for students to dial in for access," Earney said.

Another change in the works is the possible addition of Windows software to all the computers on campus.

As a result of a grant, one lab now has the software and is experimenting with it. If funding is available, Earney said the software may be added this summer. □

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Gibson donates collection to Lincoln University

Jack "The Rapper" Gibson Jr., often called the father of black radio, recently donated his 50-year memorabilia collection to Lincoln University.

Gibson's career reflects significant achievements in many facets of the radio, entertainment, and recording industries. Currently, he is the president and CEO of Mouse House, Inc. and the chief editor of *The Mellow Yellow* magazine, which keeps pace with the trends in black radio and the music industry.

Gibson's path began at Lincoln in 1940 as a pre-med student hoping to follow in his father's footsteps as an obstetrician. Although he graduated from Lincoln with a bachelor's degree in biology, he found his niche in show business, not medicine.

"Lincoln took a stone in the rough and made a jewel of it, and for that I am grateful," Gibson said.

His memorabilia collection includes numerous plaques, photos, records, and trophies. Most of the artifacts will be housed in the library while others will be displayed in the department of communications. □

## 9 percent boost slated for MU tuition rates

The University of Missouri will increase tuition for the fifth straight year, the system's Board of Curators has announced.

For in-state undergraduates, tuition will increase from \$111 to \$121 per credit hour, a 9 percent boost.

Curators have raised tuition 80 percent during the last five years under university President George Russell's \$131 million plan to improve campus buildings, enhance salaries, and raise student financial aid.

Room and board for the four campuses will go up an average of 4 percent, while student activity and facility fees, including health services, will increase an average of 7.4 percent. □

## University installs new Pentium computer lab

Southeast Missouri State University has unveiled a state-of-the-art computer laboratory that features 28 Pentium computers at sleek ergonomic work stations.

"This is probably one of the highest tech microcomputer labs you will see anywhere," said Dr. Ken Dobbins, Southeast's executive vice president. "This definitely puts us ahead of other institutions in the state of Missouri."

The Kent Instructional Lab will accommodate technology training sessions, library instruction, academic classes, admissions office tele-counseling work, and future telefund efforts of the Southeast Foundation.

Dobbins said the lab was designed after Southeast officials toured a computer facility at the University of Notre Dame and researched computing centers at several other institutions.

"This lab is probably one of the most exciting personal computer/technology multimedia rooms you can visit at any university," Dobbins said. □

## NMSU selects Barnes as dean of arts, sciences

Dr. C. Taylor Barnes, chair of the department of geology and geography at Northwest Missouri State University, has been named dean of the college of arts and sciences.

The search for a dean has been ongoing since last year's academic reorganization which narrowed the four colleges to three. Barnes was selected from five finalists who interviewed on the campus in late November and early December.

Barnes, who has been on the Northwest faculty since 1992, was a tenured professor and head of geography at the Air Force Academy. □

## Babbitt attributes success to faculty

By ALICE CARLSON  
STAFF WRITER

This year's outstanding English education senior and recipient of the 1995-96 Robert J. Greef Award is Connie Babbitt.

Babbitt will graduate in May at the same time as her daughter, Cassidi Greene, a sociology major and a criminal justice minor. Babbitt also has two sons, Todd Greene, a freshman attending Missouri Southern, and Kyle Greene, a third grader.

Babbitt was a unanimous choice as the 1995-96 outstanding English education senior because of her grades and leadership qualities.

"The Robert J. Greef Award requires a 3.0 grade-point average and a BSE," said Dr. Dale Simpson, professor of English. The recipient "must be someone who plans to teach. Connie fulfilled all of these qualifications and surpassed them."

The Robert J. Greef award is in honor of a longtime state English educator who had a reputation across the state," Simpson added.

"He left money for outstanding BSE graduates, and any state college or university has the opportunity to participate. Missouri Southern has participated since the 1970s."

This award will enable Babbitt to attend a three-day writers' conference for teachers at Tan-Tar-A Resort Feb. 8-10.

During this conference, Babbitt will participate in a banquet dinner and an awards ceremony.

Babbitt has been on the honor roll each year throughout her college career.

She is involved in Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, and she participated in the Young Authors' Conference last year.

After graduating, Babbitt plans to continue her education. "I plan on going to Pittsburg State University to get my master's degree and then go into guidance counseling for



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Connie Babbitt (middle), senior English education major, takes a break from studying Tuesday night with her children, Todd Greene, freshman undecided major, and Cassidi Greene, senior sociology major, who also attend Southern.

secondary schools," she said.

"Hopefully, I will also get a job teaching junior high students."

"Connie is vibrant and dedicated," Simpson said. "I predict she will be an outstanding English teacher."

Babbitt credits all of the faculty in the English department for helping her become a success.

"The professors are just so caring," she said. "It just makes you care about your future, your career, and your college education because they care so much. They believe in you, and most of my professors have always been so encouraging that I don't want to disappoint them."

Babbitt said her children triggered her decision to go to college.

"I woke up one morning with two teenagers in the house and told myself that if I was going to carry on an intelligent conversation with my kids," she said. "I was going to have to go to college."

Babbitt has always loved English and believes Leota Fitz, her seventh-grade English teacher, helped her treasure it more.

"The way she taught English made me love language and reading...and from then on, I wanted to be an English teacher." □

## CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT

## Globe donates job-search resource

Seekers can monitor nationwide market

By LESLIE ROBERTS  
EDUCATION EDITOR

Ask any student why he or she is here, and the answer will almost always come down to the fact that everyone wants to become more marketable in today's job economy.

Now, a new feature of the career planning and placement office makes it possible for students to see what jobs are currently available across the nation.

Through a new service called The NationJob Network, students and alumni can access specific job openings conforming to selected criteria, such as geographic area, educational level, and salary desired.

The job listings are updated weekly with a set of disks sent to the career planning and placement office by NationJob.

Mike Russell, career services coordinator, believes the weekly revamping is one of the system's best features, along with the fact that the system is easy to use.

"Even if you don't know a thing about computers, you can still go

through and find the information you need to know," Russell said.

Missouri Southern was chosen to be a host site for The NationJob Network by The Joplin Globe, which supplied not only the service but also the computer needed to run it.

Russell said print capability should be available in the next few weeks; already, students have been making use of the system and making print capability desirable.

"If students have a job that they're interested in, they'll be able to hit one key and that information will print," Russell said.

"We had one student last week writing down some job information, and he was going to apply."

## NationJob Network

### 1. What is the NationJob Network?

The NationJob Network is a self-guided career counseling and placement tool to help people find jobs and learn about the job market.

### 2. Why was Missouri Southern selected for the system?

Southern is a community resource center with large pools of qualified applicants and good demographics.

### 3. What are the advantages of the program?

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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

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## Today 25

Faculty Art Exhibit  
Spiva Art Gallery of Missouri Southern State College (Continuing through Feb. 16). 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia Campus Ministries, basement of Stegge Hall. Noon to 1 p.m.—Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Billingsly Student Center, Room 331. 12:15 p.m.—Sigma Tau Delta meeting, Seminar Room. 12:30 p.m.—Homecoming Committee meeting, students welcome, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.

## Friday 26

Noon—Psychology Club/Psi Chi meeting, Taylor Education & Psychology, Room 23. 1 p.m.—Computer Information Science Club meeting, Matthews Hall, Room 207. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.—80s theme Sports Dance, free food and prizes. Billingsly Student Center Connor Ballroom, music by PHW Productions, sponsored by CAB.

## Saturday 27

All day—Southwest Karate Classic, Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. (For information phone 782-4465).

## Sunday 28

9:30 a.m.—BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

## Monday 29

7 p.m.—BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

## Tuesday 30

11 a.m.—Newman Club, Catholic organization meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306. 12:15 p.m.—Young Democrats meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306. 12:20 p.m.—Arab League Meeting, Webster Hall, Room 212. 3 p.m.—National Broadcasting Society—AERho meeting, first floor of Webster Hall, Studio B.

Wednesday 31

5:30 p.m.—Student Senate meeting, Billingsly Student Center, House of Lords Room. 7:30 p.m.—Southern Theatre Production "Standing on My Knees" through Feb. 3. For reservations phone 625-3900.

## Feb. 1

Social Science Club Fundraiser, "Have a Heart." Buy a heart to benefit the GP Center. \$1 through Valentine's Day in the Social Sciences Lounge, Webster Hall, Room 223. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia Campus Ministries, basement of Stegge Hall. Noon to 1 p.m.—Chi Alpha Christian Organization, Billingsly Student Center, Room 31. 12:15 p.m.—Sigma Tau Delta meeting, Seminar Room.

## Attention Clubs

If you have an upcoming event you would like publicized in The Chart, call Elizabeth at 625-9311.

BY KIM GIBSON  
STAFF WRITER

**T**hirty-five members of the Missouri Southern chapter of the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference (CMENC) will be traveling to Tan-Tar-A today to spend three days at the 1996 Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) Conference.

Southern's CMENC members have been preparing for the convention since September. "The trip is the highlight of our year," said Rob Lundien, CMENC member.

Funding for the trip will come from the pockets of the individuals going to the conference and an allocation from Student Senate.

"We really appreciate their (the Senate's) supportive effort," Lundien said.

The conference offers a full daily schedule of seminars and clinics for the participants to select from. The clinics cover the areas of general music education, elementary music education, band, choir, and orchestra education, and government relations. The topics of these seminars deal with teaching effective music education and touch on subjects such as music therapy and how to recruit music students.

Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music and state adviser for the convention, said the MMEA annual conference is "probably one of the best conventions in the United States."

The convention also allows music educators

and participants to share information and experiences. According to Meeks, the convention is a "good opportunity to trade ideas." Music majors can establish contacts which can lead to job opportunities and internships by visiting the 120 information booths set up to provide music materials, pamphlets, and information.

In addition to the clinics, 32 concerts by specially selected bands, choirs, and orchestras ranging from junior high level and up will be given. Lundien described the concerts as "overwhelming."

"It gives a vision of something we can work for," he said.

One special collegiate concert is given each year by a select group of choir, band, or

orchestra students. This year the concert will be a choir production featuring four Southern students.

Southern is often well-represented in the convention. The College currently boasts the second-largest CMENC chapter in the state and last year brought one of the largest groups to the convention, rivaling bigger schools such as the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Last year the convention was host to some 8,000 participants of music professionals and laymen alike. Both the CMENC and the MMEA conference are open to anyone with a desire to learn more about music and how to use it in education. "It really benefits you as a person whether you're in the music field or not," Lundien said. □

## MATH CLUB

## Members don't focus on numbers alone

**G**roup takes part in tutoring, parties, trips, volunteer work

BY STEPHANIE WARD  
STAFF WRITER

**T**here is much more to the Missouri Southern Math Club than just problem solving.

Besides monthly meetings, the Math Club takes trips, has parties, and helps with area functions.

"Essentially," said Mary Elick, assistant professor of mathematics and sponsor of the Math Club and Kappa Mu Epsilon, "our people try to get involved in lots of aspects of the department."

The Math Club runs the concession stand at all home football games, and some of the members help grade papers in the mathematics department.

The Math Club also helps tutor students at Joplin Junior High in the afternoons with the Hammons Mentor Program. There are also quite a few members who tutor in the Learning Center at Southern as a job.

"If you've ever used the Learning Center," Elick said, "it's very likely the tutors that you're getting over there are Math Club people."

Elick says the Math Club is open to anyone who is interested and most people join as freshmen than at any other time. Students interested don't even have to be in a mathematics class. In fact, Jolena Gilbert, senior math major and president of the Math Club, says most members aren't mathematics

majors. She says some members are majoring in biology, computer science, education, and pre-engineering.

Gilbert, who has been president of the Math Club for two years, thinks it provides a chance for students to get together outside of the classroom. She says it's sort of like a "support group." As president, Gilbert is in charge of all meetings and assigning committees.

"The main thing she really does," Elick said, "is that she's involved in all aspects of the organization. She's kept it moving very nicely during the time she's been in there."

Most of the members of the Math Club are also members of Kappa Mu Epsilon and are associate editors of *The Pentagon*, the journal for undergraduate students in Kappa Mu Epsilon.

Elick said membership in Kappa Mu Epsilon is by invitation only. There are a number of requirements, some of which are set by the national organization.

Some of the requirements include at least two semesters of Calculus and a "B" average overall in mathematics courses, and a ranking in the upper one-third of the entire class.

Math Club and Kappa Mu Epsilon meet together as Math Club. The meetings are at 12:15 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month in Reynolds Hall Room 115.

"There are over 110 chapters nationwide at different schools," Elick said.

"Of those chapters, we have one of the more active ones. I think we always have." □

## INTRAMURALS

## Program to spotlight Schick Superhoops

BY GARY PONTER  
STAFF WRITER

**E**ntering its sixth season, Schick Superhoops will again give students the opportunity to drive the lane for a chance to qualify for the regional tournament in Fayetteville, Ark.

The nationwide tournament involves three-person basketball teams. The top men's and women's teams from Missouri Southern will advance.

"Schick Superhoops is always the big event of the year," said Cindy Wolfe, director of intramurals at Southern.

Sign-up for the tournament began Jan. 15 with all entries due by Wednesday, Jan. 31.

In her third year, Wolfe has organized many other sports and activities. These events are geared around the students, faculty, and staff of Southern.

The program is designed for former athletes and newcomers who have never been involved with competitive athletics. Participants can experience moderate to high physical activity, Wolfe said.

"Students enjoy intramurals," said senior criminal justice major Troy Jensen. "It gives college students the opportunity to be involved with athletics without competing at the college level."

Some of the sports on the slate this semester include a basketball league, pool tournament, ping pong, bowling, co-ed softball, swimming, four-on-four volleyball, a tri-state triathlon meet, and a two-person golf scramble.

Instead of the usual racquetball league offered, a racquetball ladder will be played throughout the semester.

Wolfe said she would like to see faculty participate as well as students.

"There is no cost; all they have to do is sign up and their names will be put on a list," she said. "Then they can challenge the people one or two places above them, and work their way up the ladder."

Awards will be given to the top players at the end of the semester.

Wolfe is trying to add some new events to the program for coming semesters. One of these is water volleyball. □

## STUDENT PROFILE

"I get involved because it's fun." □

□ Life at Missouri Southern is nothing but fun for senior Amy Mayberry, whose daily routine could be compared to a puzzle.



## MAYBERRY'S Puzzle

## Senior juggles classes, activities

BY ELIZABETH LOVLAND  
CAMPUS EDITOR

**W**ith all of her homework and extra-curricular activities, it seems Amy Mayberry is a gluton for punishment. But in her mind all of these equal one thing—fun.

Mayberry, a senior psychology major and music minor from Ironton, Mo., has been involved in many activities ranging from clubs to honor societies.

"I started my freshman year getting into basic clubs, RHA (Residence Hall Association), and Wesley [Foundation]," she said. "The more I did, the more people knew my name and the more people would come ask me, 'Hey, do you want to get involved in this? Have you ever tried Student Senate? Hey, what about being an S.A. (staff assistant), or an Orientation leader?' The more I did, the more I got asked to do."

Mayberry is currently a member of Phi Eta Sigma (the national freshmen honor society), president of Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society), and vice president of Psi Chi (psychology honor society).

But Mayberry's involvement at Southern goes beyond academic recognition.

She is a staff assistant in the residence halls; an orientation leader, where she received the returning Orientation leader of

the year award; a member of Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges; and a member of Southern's concert, marching, and jazz bands.

She has also served as the president of the Psychology Club, president of Wesley Foundation (a religious organization), secretary of RHA, and a student senator.

"I get involved because it is fun," Mayberry said. "I can't imagine just going to classes. It would be too boring."

Mayberry also uses these activities as a way of making new friends.

"I meet a lot of people, not just people in my major, but people all over campus," she said.

Liliana Valencia, senior music education major, admires Mayberry for all of her hard work and dedication.

"Amy is a very well-rounded individual," Valencia said. "She has a lot of enthusiasm and is always organized and prepared."

Valencia is in several organizations with Mayberry, including Omicron Delta Kappa and band, and both are staff assistants and Orientation leaders.

Even in high school, Mayberry's calendar was filled with a wide range of activities and events. She said she knew before coming to Southern, due to her personality, her college date book would be no different.

"When I was in high school, I knew I would be involved in college because that is the type of

person I am," Mayberry said. "I wasn't sure exactly how involved I would be. I thought I would probably be involved in my major and in band. I didn't anticipate being involved in as much as I am, but I'm glad I am."

While the senior psychology major juggles classes, homework, extra-curricular activities, and work, she still finds time to maintain a 3.953 grade-point average.

"It's difficult, but it's time management," she said. "You have to take advantage of all the time you have."

"I don't get stressed out really easily, but sometimes I'll get overwhelmed when I have three meetings at one time and I have to decide which one to go to."

Dr. Roger Paige, professor of psychology, attributes some of Mayberry's success to her personal qualities.

"She has a lot of energy, she enjoys people, smiles all the time, and I think she is very bright," Paige said.

Mayberry, who plans to graduate in May 1997, said she will attend graduate school for clinical psychology.

"I would like to go someplace big like Stanford University or the University of Texas," she said.

Mayberry said her dream is to have a private practice, or at least a partnership in clinical psychology. □

## DEBATE

## Tournaments help unify team members

BY CRAIG BEFFA  
EDITORIAL EDITOR

Newton competed and made it to the octafinals against the University of Central Oklahoma.

The team finished fifth in this competition.

"Jason and I finally clicked," Dennis said. "Sometimes it takes time to get used to someone. And the team we lost to we have been competing against all year. They are a better team, but we debated

just as well as they did."

The second tournament took the team to Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. Here Southern's junior varsity debater, Craig Jones, teamed with Travis Thou from Wichita State University. They lost in the final round and took second

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DEBATE, Page 10

# 'Orphans' to grace festival

By KEVIN COLEMAN  
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

**A**fter a 20-year drought, a play directed by a Missouri Southern student is being presented at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, Region V Festival.

*Orphans* was selected from 172 entries competing for the festival.

"I'm proud as punch," said David Waggoner, senior theatre major and director of the play. "This is first time a play from Missouri Southern has been selected in 18 or 20 years of competing."

The American College Theatre Festival is made up of 12 regions. Region V is made up of eight states, including Missouri.

Of the 172 shows in the festival, 65 competed for the next level, and six of those are chosen to compete in the week-long festival being held this week in Florissant, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis.

From festivals in the 12 regions, national judges will select six plays to be presented at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in April.

"Generally [the judges] look for a play with a new script, written by a student," said Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre at Southern. "In this way they can honor the student and the school and ensure a week of good theatre."

"We were lucky to be chosen," Fields added. "First, because *Orphans* is not an original show; it was presented in New York many years ago. Second, because it was directed by a student, and most of the directors who go to these fes-

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# Production spotlights disease

**Student director sets standards successfully**

By AMY DENTNER  
STAFF WRITER

**F**eaturing a small cast, Southern Theatre opens the spring semester with a play exploring schizophrenia. Matthew Beese, senior theatre and speech education major, directs John Olive's *Standing on My Knees*.

The production begins at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium and runs from Jan. 31 to Feb. 3.

The story focuses on how Catherine, a poet, handles her schizophrenia.

"Essentially I tried to show that, with Catherine, she's fighting her disease and she tries to attain a normal life," Beese said. "We see that through her relationships with her friend and publisher, her doctor, and her boyfriend."

Parris Smith, sophomore communications major, portrays Robert, Catherine's boyfriend, who is not certain how to deal with her disease.

"She didn't tell him about her schizophrenia until after he fell in love with her," Smith said.

"At this point, he has to decide whether to stick with her or leave her."

According to Tegan Whited, who plays Catherine, the struggle to go on living is a priority for the character.

Whited, sophomore English major, said Catherine possesses the ability to "focus and block out the voices and try to live despite the voices."

Beese said the complexity of the play encourages the audience to be active participants.

*Standing on My Knees* is written so the audience sees



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Tegan Whited talks to herself as she portrays Catherine, a poet dealing with her schizophrenia in 'Standing on My Knees,' the first production of the spring semester for Southern Theatre. The play opens at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Taylor Performing Arts Center and continues through Saturday.

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Matt Beese  
Director of *Standing on My Knees*

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what Catherine sees and hears what Catherine hears," Beese said.

"Rather than seeing the world as an outsider, they see the world as Catherine does."

For Beese, the opportunity to student direct was a great learning experience.

"You have to work twice as hard," he said.

"There's no room to slack off because you've got all the faculty looking at you."

"But now you've got to prove yourself. That's what it comes down to."

"You have to set a standard when you start."

Smith said Beese successfully set such a standard for the actors.

"It's a difficult subject to perform, and he did a beautiful job explaining in-depth how to prepare for it and act it out," Smith said.

Other cast members are Parade Heidlage as Joanne and Debbie Burbridge as Alice.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and high school students. Student, faculty, and staff admission is free with a College ID.

For more information and to make reservations, persons may call 625-3190. □



## On Campus

Southern Theatre  
417-625-3190  
Jan. 31, Feb. 13—*Standing on My Knees*.  
Feb. 28-29, March 1-2—*Camelot*.  
April 20-21—*Peter and the Wolf*.  
Matthews Hall auditorium.  
Feb. 13—*Cul-de-Sac*.  
Feb. 27—*Cangaceiro (The Bandit)*.  
March 12—*Casque d'Or*.  
(*Golden Marie*).  
March 26—*I Am A Camera*.  
April 9—*Fragment of an Empire*.  
Spiva Art Gallery.  
Now-Feb. 16—Faculty Exhibit  
featuring works by every member  
of the art faculty, including  
Oran Henriksson of Sweden.

## Joplin

The Grind  
781-7999  
Tuesday nights—Open Mic Night.  
Thursday nights—Movie Night.  
The Java House  
659-8500  
Jan. 25—Ken Tamplin.  
Jan. 26—Ryan Butler.  
Feb. 2—Love Come.  
Feb. 9—Richard Johnson.  
Joplin Little Theatre  
623-3638  
Joplin High School  
Jan. 26—Walking on Einstein: a  
benefit for Joplin Project Graduation.  
George A. Spiva Center for  
the Arts  
623-0183  
Now-March 1—Missouri Arts  
Council's Visual Artists Biennial:  
including works by Ilawn Marie  
Guernsey of St. Louis, Zhi Lin of  
Springfield, and Christopher  
Ketchie of Kansas City.

## Carthage

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre  
417-358-9665  
Jan. 25-26—*Opal's Baby*.

## Springfield

Juanita K Hammons Hall for  
the Performing Arts  
1-800-404-3333  
Jan. 23-24—*Crazy for You*.  
Jan. 27—*Potato People in  
School Daze*.  
Feb. 3—*Bela Fleck and the  
Flecktones*.  
Hammons Student Center  
(417) 836-7678  
Jan. 27—*The Harlem  
Globetrotters*.  
March 29—*DC Talk*.  
Shrine Mosque.  
Feb. 4—*Mortal Kombat—The  
Live Tour*.

## Kansas City

American Heartland Theatre  
816-842-9999  
Now-March 10—*Buddy... The  
Buddy Holly Story*.  
March 21-May 5—*The  
Mousetrap*.  
Kemper Arena  
816-274-1900  
Jan. 25—*Discover Card Stars  
on Ice*.  
Feb. 14-16—*The Wizard of Oz on  
Ice*.  
March 3—*Michael W. Smith*.  
May 29—1996 Tour of World  
Figure Skating Champions.  
Folly Theatre.  
Jan. 26—*St. Lawrence String  
Quartet*.  
Feb. 14-15—*Jim Brickman*.  
Music Hall  
1-800-955-5666  
Jan. 31-Feb. 4—*Les Misérables*.  
Missouri Repertory Theatre  
(816) 235-2700  
Now-Feb. 11—*The Belle of  
Amherst* featuring Randy  
Cronyn as Emily Dickinson.  
Guthrie Theatre  
(913) 469-4445  
Feb. 3-K: Impressions of the  
Trial, based on the writings of  
Franz Kafka.  
The Midland Theatre  
(816) 932-3330  
Feb. 27-March 3—*Lied Center*  
(816) 931-3330  
Feb. 2—*Angels in America Part I: Millennium Approaches*.  
Feb. 3-2 p.m.—*Angels in  
America Part I: Millennium  
Approaches*, 8 p.m.—*Angels in  
America Part II: Perestroika*.  
Feb. 4—*Angels in America Part  
II: Perestroika*.

## FACULTY EXHIBIT

# Art teachers showcase global awareness through works



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Paul Brown, freshman graphic arts major, admires the work of one of his instructors during the faculty exhibit at Spiva Art Gallery.

## STONE'S THROW DINNER THEATRE

# Second week provides chance to make up snowed-out show

By MICHAEL DAVISON  
ARTS EDITOR

**F**or the most part, Stone's Throw Theatre in Carthage will not cancel a performance except in the case of death or injury.

However, Mother Nature threw a monkey wrench into its plans for last Thursday night's performance of *Opal's Baby*.

"We actually had to call a few of our faithful patrons and ask them not to come because most of the other people had already called and canceled," said Henry Heckert, resident director of Stone's Throw. "It was a good thing, too, because they were planning to still come out."

The canceled show will not be rescheduled, but four performances are scheduled for this week.

"We had several calls in Monday for Thursday and Friday," he said, "but there are still spots available for the Saturday and Sunday shows."

Today's, Friday's, and Saturday's performances will begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the play at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's matinee will begin with dinner at 1 p.m. and the play at 2 p.m.

"This play is perfect for this time of year," said Dr. William Roehling, director of the play, "when the weather has caused a lot of 'cabin fever' and patrons

**Gallery displays incoming Swedish instructor's photo**

By KATE WALTERS  
STAFF WRITER

**F**aculty and global awareness are receiving a chance to shine through a Spiva Art Gallery faculty exhibit.

A showcase featuring some of the work of every faculty member in the art department is being held through Feb. 16. The exhibit kicked off with a reception on Friday, Jan. 19.

"The point of the exhibit is to provide an opportunity for the College community to see the energy exerted by the faculty to create," said Val Christensen, assistant professor of art and gallery coordinator.

In the way of global exposure, people will have a chance to view photography from Sweden.

Oran Henriksson will display a photo titled "Ryfors." Henriksson, whose photo made it here before he did, is expected to arrive from Sweden Jan. 29 and will be teaching an advanced photography class.

David Noblett, associate professor of art and teacher of graphic communication, also has work that reaches global extents by contracting work from all over the world.

He does graphic designs for brochures, television commercials, and displays for restaurants.

Noblett hopes the display will reflect the quality of education the students are receiving.

"People can expect to see a cross-section of a lot of visual arts, ceramics, sculpture, painting, and graphic design," he said.

Not only does the exhibit give faculty members a small amount of recognition, it also provides motivation for the students and

can be used for learning purposes.

"Within the department the exhibit will provoke a lot of interest and create a lot of dialogue on a student-to-student level and on a faculty-to-student level," Christensen said.

For other instructors, the exhibit is not a new event. Robert Schwieger, professor and teacher of art education, printmaking, and drawing, has exhibited quite frequently and once was involved with eight exhibitions nationwide at the same time.

Besides Noblett, Henriksson, and Schwieger, other exhibitors are Christensen, Jim Bray, head of the art department; Jon Fowler, professor of art; Gary Hess, assistant professor of art; and Alice Knepper, part-time instructor of art.

Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free and open to the public. □

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Dr. William Roehling  
Director of *Opal's Baby*

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are wanting to get out of the house, have a nice dinner, and relax with friends."

*Opal's Baby* is one of a series of

five stories about Opal Kronkies, a bag lady who lives at the edge of the city dump.

The cast features Betty Bell as

Opal, and Sonya Johnson as Rosie Montefalco, who reprise their roles from *Opal's Million Dollar Duck*, which Stone's Throw produced during the 1994-95 season.

New to the "Opal" saga are the Nubbs family: Jeff Engelken as Norm, Johanna Kephart as Verna, Jeff Johnson as Spence, and Katy Kew as Granny Nubbs.

Admission, including dinner, is \$12.50 for those age 15 and under, \$14.40 for patrons 55 and older, and \$15.50 for adults.

Reservations are required. The theatre box office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For reservations or further information, persons may call (417) 358-9665. □

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Seneca police chief to attend ADI course

Seneca Police Chief Morris Drago has been authorized by the city council to attend an Advanced Death Investigation course at Missouri Southern on Feb. 2.

The course will cover material including how to determine whether deaths are accidental or murder.

Also, the mayor of Seneca authorized a new contract with Newton County 911 dispatch center for 1996. Each year, the city signs a contract with the center for its dispatch service. □

### Oronogo receives grant for two police officers

Currently, Oronogo is functioning without city law enforcement officials.

Cops Universal is providing the town with a grant of approximately \$82,000 to use over a four-year period on salaries for two police officers.

The town is also considering purchasing a police car and equipment for the officers to use. □

### Lamar to initiate drug-free policy

The Lamar city council has passed a drug-free workplace policy to affect employees in all city offices.

Officials are setting up a drug free policy in all city offices such as the police department, sanitation, and for all city employees with a commercial driver's license.

All city employees will be subject to random testing and all new employees will be required to take a drug test prior to employment.

Because the city is building a new aquatic park and will need more members, it passed an ordinance increasing the number of members on the swimming pool board from four to seven. □

### Carl Junction council changes speed limit

Complaints were brought up before Carl Junction's city council about the speed limit on Fir Road between Briarbrook Drive and Peace Church Road.

Because there are no residential houses there and the road is highly traveled, some residents believe the speed limit should be changed from its present 35 mph to 45 mph.

There was a lot of discussion over the dilemma at the Jan. 16 meeting. One citizen argued there was no shoulder on Fir Road and there have been no accidents there, so the speed limit should remain the same. After deliberation, a majority of the council voted to change the speed limit.

In other business, Jerry Dean, town resident, petitioned the council about annexing 403 North Grimes in the city limits. He said no other land owner is involved and it borders the city limits. He said he wants to live in the city limits to receive sewer service and police protection. □

### OCC to host seminar for parenting skills

The topic of the Parenting Skills Seminar at Ozark Christian College will be Risk-Proving Your Family.

Dr. Donald M. Joy, professor of human development and family studies at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., is the scheduled speaker.

The seminar is intended to provide biblical understanding. The seminar will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, and finish at noon on Saturday, Feb. 3 in Room L-5 in the OCC library. There will be a \$10 registration fee per person payable at the first session. □

CARTHAGE

# Missouri-Rolla team probes for cavern

### Geologists perform seismic research in 250-foot hole

By STEPHANIE GOAD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

A team from the University of Missouri-Rolla began seismic testing in Carthage Friday, continuing the search for hidden underground caverns.

According to Roger Kellermeyer, Carthage city council member, a 250-foot hole has already been drilled and the test team is searching for vibrations in the earth with hydrophones. According to Kellermeyer, hydrophones pick up vibrations from up to a quarter mile away under favorable conditions.

"They tried the seismic testing, but the hydrophones didn't work because there was excessive elec-

trical voltage in the ground so they will have to bring geophones down from Rolla," Kellermeyer said.

"Geophones take longer because they have to be attached every six feet. They are for seismic testing on the surface."

Kellermeyer said the UMR team ran an underground line from Maple to Jersey streets on Miller and from Miller to 10th on Garrison, then from Garrison to Ormer on Chestnut.

"We have based our conclusions on an article from the *Carthage Banner* in 1872," he said. "Most believe two large caverns lie south of the 10th Street entrance which was used in 1872 to go down into the caverns."

Kellermeyer said it is also believed a large cavern containing a large lake lies to the west.

"In 1872 a group of explorers traveled into one of the caverns and supposedly found a lake which they could not throw a

rock across," he said.

He said the caverns could become a tourist attraction for Carthage.

"First we have to find the caverns, use spot testing to set the parameters, and determine where to drill a hole for a television camera and lights to go down so we can see. Once we have surveyed and determined it is clear and decent enough, a hole will have to be drilled large enough for spe-

lunkers to get through to explore the caverns."

"We may pump smoke into the cavern and see where it comes out to locate the entrance without drilling," Kellermeyer added.

He said even though some drilling already has been done, vibrations pose no threat to the stability of the cavern.

"There really is no risk of the cavern collapsing," he said. "There is approximately 30 to 90 feet

Roger Kellermeyer  
Carthage city councilman

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limestone above the cavern."

Several attempts have been made to enter the caverns, but none have been successful. Kellermeyer said there were several passageways into the caverns, but the entrance is no longer viable due to passages clogged with silt.

Kellermeyer said many legends have evolved since the cavern's known existence.

"Supposedly Belle Star, a famous bank robber, rode her horse through a passage in the cavern," he said. "Another legend was three boys entered the cave and traveled four miles and came out at Civil War Park. The passage later collapsed."

"Carthage has its share of passages and caves, but it's the caverns we are interested in," Kellermeyer said. "It's the caverns that have potential for a tourist attraction."

He said it could be another month before the city knows just what lies beneath it. □

ST. JOHN'S

## Hospital to provide screenings

By NELSON WEBB  
STAFF WRITER

A free health screening will be offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the lobby of St. John's Regional Medical Center, 2727 McClelland Blvd. in Joplin.

The public is encouraged to participate in screenings for cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure checks.

"The screenings are offered once a month," said Lynn Onstot, public relations coordinator for St. John's.

"There is always a good turnout for this event. Usually from 150 to 300 people participate," she said.

The screening is offered through Operation Community Health, sponsored by the Mercy Regional Health Foundation and St. John's Regional Medical Center.

Volunteers from Joplin R-8 schools, Joplin Practical Nursing Program, St. John's Regional Medical Center, Missouri Nurses Association, Joplin's business community, and Joplin Emergency Medical Services will be assisting with the screenings.

Also, the Four-States Mended Hearts Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Mercy Conference Center of St. John's Regional Medical Center.

The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Yoganand Hiramath, a cardiologist in association with Health Care Associates Inc., in Joplin.

He will address the importance of exercise for a complete health plan.

Officers will also be nominated for the 1996 meeting year.

Mended Hearts is a support group for heart patients and works to reinforce what health-care providers have prescribed.

Members of the group all have heart problems and have had similar experiences, making them aware of the kind of help that is necessary and available. □

### MAKING THE SALE



Pat Cedeno (left) and Rob Murnan (right), both sales representatives, were just two of the many area businesspeople who attended the Business Expo Tuesday evening at the John Q. Hammons Center in Joplin. The Expo was held both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

ANDY SWIFT/The Chart

HEARTBEAT '96

## Dance-A-Thon to benefit children's cardiac unit

### Money to purchase supplies, medicine

By LISA BUFFINGTON  
STAFF WRITER

**H**eartbeat '96 is gearing up for its 10th annual Aerobic Dance-A-Thon to benefit the Children's Cardiology Services through the Children's Miracle Network.

Jerri Sargent, special projects representative, heads the fund-raiser Oak Hill Hospital present-

ed alone before becoming part of Freeman Health System.

"This is Freeman's first year in handling the dance-a-thon," Sargent said.

"There is a lot of work in preparing for it, but the benefits are well worth it."

The Aerobic Dance-A-Thon will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 10 in the Olympic Fitness Center at 2132 Connecticut in Joplin. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Aerobic instructors from the Carthage Y, Joplin Family Y, and the Olympic Fitness Center will

be leading the dance-a-thon that is open to the public. Money is raised through pledges that participants accumulate themselves.

Forms and sponsor envelopes for the pledges are available at the Freeman Corporate Center at 32nd and Indiana, and from area fitness centers.

Forms and pledges must be turned in before the event.

"There is no minimum amount for pledges," Sargent said. "Every person receives a gift bag with small 'thank you' tokens for just participating."

Prizes and incentives are given

for the most pledge money raised. Top money raiser will receive a \$100 Northpark Mall gift certificate. Other prizes range from fitness center memberships to athletic wear.

"If a person raises \$25, he or she qualifies for the door prizes," Sargent said. "Heartbeat '96 T-shirts are given for pledges that total \$75 or more."

Money raised from the event goes toward purchasing medication, wheel chairs, and other supplies for need-based children. A portion of the proceeds benefit Freeman's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. □

JOPLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## BSC Christmas ornaments still on sale

By STEPHANIE GOAD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

**E**tched in brass and brushed with gold, remaining Billingsly Student Center Christmas ornaments are still on sale.

According to Helen Chickering, member of the board of directors of the Joplin Historical Society and chairwoman of the fund-raiser project, 1,500 ornaments were ordered and approximately 1,000 sold over

the holidays even though the shipment was delayed.

"They were made by the Reed and Barton Silver Company in Maine, but Billingsly was spelled wrong so we had to ship them back and have them redone," Chickering said.

"Next year we will be doing St. John's old hospital since it will be 100 years old," Chickering said. "Then, the year after that we will do the State Capitol, which will be our last."

The society has produced other historical ornaments in the past including the Elks Club and St. Peter's Catholic Church.

BSC ornaments are on sale for \$10 at the campus bookstore, Hows-mon's, Tick-O-Time Jewelry, Deck the Walls, and The Lily Pad in Carthage.

"They do not tarnish because they have been brushed with gold," Chickering added. "So the first ones look just as good as the new ones do." □

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# THE CHART STATE NEWS

## Governor plans for big spending

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**M**any of the politicians roaming the halls of the State Capitol can't remember a budget giving so much to so many.

Gov. Mel Carnahan's proposed budget offers sales tax reductions, millions for crime fighting, millions more for higher education, and even a 2 percent pay hike for state employees, among other things.

"The budget looks pretty good," said Rep. Sheila Lumpe (D-St. Louis), House budget committee chairperson. "It gives the opportunity to do some funding for programs that have not been able to receive the funding in the past because the economy had not been doing well."

To look over the entire budget proposal, one would be hard-pressed to find a single entity where financing was cut or re-

mained the same as the previous year. A point that excites Democrats and angers some Republicans is the planned \$86 million Carnahan wants to put into the Budget Stability Fund.

The "Rainy Day Fund" is a surplus of cash the state carries in case of emergency.

With the extra money, the fund nearly quadruples in size from \$29 million to \$115 million.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin), a member of the House budget committee, said the Republicans have been trying to get the increase in the "Rainy Day Fund" for years.

One point that everyone seems to be in agreement over is the fact that Missouri's economy has done extremely well over the past year.



Carnahan

"Missouri's economy is going gangbusters," said Roger Wilson, lieutenant governor. "We are far out-distancing the nation and are probably one of the brightest spots in the Midwest. With unemployment down to record lows, we are seeing welfare costs shrink as a result."

Wilson also pointed out the state's shining bond rating as a reason why Missouri can afford to shell out so much extra money.

"If we choose to borrow money...we will borrow that money cheaper than any other state in the nation," he said. "We're not going to have those whopping interest rates."

Elementary and secondary schools receive the largest increase in funding with \$185 million going to the foundation formula and at-risk programs.

The money for these programs comes from savings incurred by the Kansas City desegregation pro-

gram and riverboat gambling proceeds.

Another \$29.9 million has been allocated to elementary and secondary education for additional teacher training, the Parents As Teachers program, and computers and information technology.

"The critical thing to keep in mind is how important it is to invest in our future. That's one of the reasons why Gov. Carnahan is an education governor," said Rep. Scott Lakin (D-Kansas City), House budget committee vice chair.

Even higher education fared well in the governor's budget plans. Carnahan allotted \$94 million alone for an increase to the operating budget, which hikes state support up 12.7 percent.

The sales tax reduction aspect of the budget has seen much scrutiny since the proposed budget was revealed.

Carnahan expects the cut to equal \$25 million this year, \$150 million

during the next fiscal year, and over the next five years the cut is expected to save taxpayers \$850 million.

Through the course of the tax reduction, families of four can expect to save \$112 a year according to the governor's figures. Burton disputes that figure, saying the savings are more like \$50 or \$60 a year.

Burton is skeptical about the tax reduction, though. Burton favors a tax decrease, but said he'd like to see an income tax reduction.

"If we've got that kind of revenue coming into the state, I would rather have seen a larger tax deduction for working families in the form of an income tax deduction rather than sales tax," Burton said.

According to Lumpe it appears the budget proposal will be met with minimal opposition and she said she doesn't foresee any hangups in the passage. □

### STATE NEWS BRIEFS

#### House members to vote on speed limit bill today

The Missouri speed limit bill in the state House could be voted on today by the members of the House.

The bill needs to go through a third reading to determine whether speed limits on Missouri's major interstates will increase to 70 mph. The bill maintains current speed limits on urban interstates, but ups the speed limit on expressways to 65 mph. The House finally settled on plans to make rural two-lane highway speed limits 55 mph, unless the Public Safety Department deems an area to have an increased or decreased speed limit.

The original bill, sponsored by Rep. Larry Thomason (D-Kennett), saw a number of amendments added during debate Wednesday.

"There are certain roads in the state, not very many of them, that can support an increase," Thomason said.

Among the amendments added to the bill is an extended amendment proposed by Rep. Gary Witt (D-Platte City). The amendment changes the status of many vehicular violations from misdemeanors to infractions. Witt's amendment met with much skepticism and had two amendments of its own added to it before it was passed by the House.

An amendment doubling the fine for speeding in a construction zone was added after much debate and a roll call vote that favored the measure 74-70.

Rep. Bill Boucher (D-Kansas City) offered the construction zone amendment and narrowly got it on the bill. However, he wasn't so lucky with an amendment that would have outlawed driving an open-bed pick-up truck on highways that exceeded a 65 mph speed limit. In a voice vote, representatives overwhelmingly opposed the measure. □

#### Lottery celebrates 10th with "Fortune & Fun"

The Missouri Lottery turned 10 years old at a celebration in the Capitol Friday, Jan. 19 and got to play with its new toy the next day.

The lottery-sponsored game show "Fortune & Fun" premiered Jan. 20 with an Eldon man raking in nearly \$60,000 in prize money. Ted Ballenger gets another chance this Saturday to try for another \$50,000. Six other contestants won cash and prizes during the show.

During the Lottery's 10 years of existence, officials say approximately \$850 million in state revenue was generated by people buying tickets.

In the Lottery's infancy of 1986, it made revenue through scratch tickets only. Now the Missouri Lottery has scratchers and pick number lotteries. □

#### Singleton introduces Highway Patrol bill

A bill that in essence would put more highway patrolmen on the roads with no extra costs in the state has been introduced by State Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca).

The bill calls for the removal of Highway Patrol officers from riverboat casinos and back to positions better serving the state, he said.

Singleton said the state is losing money in the venture that allows some 85 officers to work on the casinos and have the casinos pay their wages.

However, the senator said the state doesn't get back money for administrative costs or training costs. Singleton said 12 to 15 percent of the money it takes to put the officers on the boats is not recovered from the casinos.

The senator said this bill will appease Gov. Mel Carnahan's call for more Highway Patrol officers.

"Why are we training guys to check IDs? Why don't they just do something else?" Singleton asked.

He said the ideal situation calls for the gaming commission to contract private companies to handle security. □

#### STATE OF THE STATE

## Address focuses on education

**D**emocrats praise Governor; Republicans claim theme was pilfered

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**I**n a pledge to focus on the future, Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan began his "State of the State" address Jan. 17 by introducing his budget which called for more than \$200 million in education spending.

The speech started off with the governor's plans to curb crime and produce harsher punishment. He talked about juvenile crimes and making prisoners accountable for their actions.

"Dangerous juveniles no longer have a 'Get Out of Jail Free' card in Missouri when they turn 18," Carnahan said.

The governor explained juveniles can now be tried as adults and sent to jail with a life sentence under new legislation.

Carnahan went on to speak about his plans to help the family unit with some health-care reforms.

The governor even took a shot at the federal government and its woes concerning the federal budget stalemate.

"I'd like to point out that Washington could learn a lesson from the Missouri General Assembly in responsible budgeting," he said.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## House takes on new look as Gaw steps in, Griffin steps out

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**A**s of Jan. 11, a new era in Missouri politics began with newly instated House Speaker Steve Gaw's first full day in the seat of arguably the second-most powerful position in the state.

The new speaker takes over duties from ousted speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron), who resigned after 15 years at the helm of the House.

Gaw (D-Moberly) is one of only five new bipartisan leaders in the House, though. When the House was given clearance by an embattled Griffin to go ahead and find a replacement for him, it not only replaced him but the speaker pro

#### STATE MANAGEMENT

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**U**tah receives top spot, New York bottoms out, state politicians pleased

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The announcement from *Financial World* didn't seem to catch anyone off guard, but it had many in the Capitol ready to share their thoughts about the honor.

"While Missouri's very conservative investment policies may keep us from earn-

ing as much as we would like sometimes, they also help assure that our taxpayers' pocketbooks are well protected," State Treasurer Bob Holden said in a statement.

The magazine grades each state in three categories: financial management, managing for results, and infrastructure maintenance.

Missouri scored two A's for the first two categories and a B-plus for infrastructure maintenance.

Missouri is no stranger to the top of the pack. Last year the Show-Me State was ranked No. 4 by *Financial World*. In the grading, the magazine alludes to Missouri's bond rating that is tops in the country.

"It just doesn't have much sex appeal, but it is one of the things we as Missourians should be proudest of," Wilson said. □

#### PRIMPING A PRINCESS



Tiny Miss Pulaski County Shana Brian Blevins waits to enter Gov. Mel Carnahan's office after her grandfather, Travis Blevins, fixes her hair. Carnahan held an open house Wednesday.

J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

plaint, and when we addressed them they're still complaining."

Gaw said it will take time to form an ethics committee because there might be a need for rule changes.

"It tells people we believe ethics is important enough to have a separate committee for it. It lets people know the House is committed to having ethics at the forefront," Gaw said after Tuesday's House session.

Richardson said he wants to see results sooner than those that have been coming.

"Gaw analogized his election as a clearing of the clouds and a coming out of the sun. However, we're still operating under the Griffin form of government," Richardson said, explaining that in his opinion until the House became managed instead of controlled the parties would probably stay separated on issues. □

## Magazine ranks Missouri third-best managed

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## SHUTDOWN: \$3.6 million expected today

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LaFever and Gilbert were confident Southern would get the funds before Friday, but both said difficulties would arise if the money did not show up.

"If we don't get the \$4 million, then the students don't get the \$4 million," Gilbert said. "Worst case scenario, we would credit the students' accounts assuming we're going to get the money, but the students would not get any checks back."

The funds include \$1.2 million in federal Pell and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOGs) and Perkins Loans and \$2.4 million in direct loans.

"The last time that the government was shut down, they continued the direct loans even though the government was shut down," LaFever said. "So, based on that, [direct loans] are even more probable [to show up] than the Pells and SEOGs." □

## DEBATE:

### Team battles this weekend

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overall in the tournament, winning a silver tea set.

"I think I am going to give it back to Wichita State, since they won it, too," Marlow said.

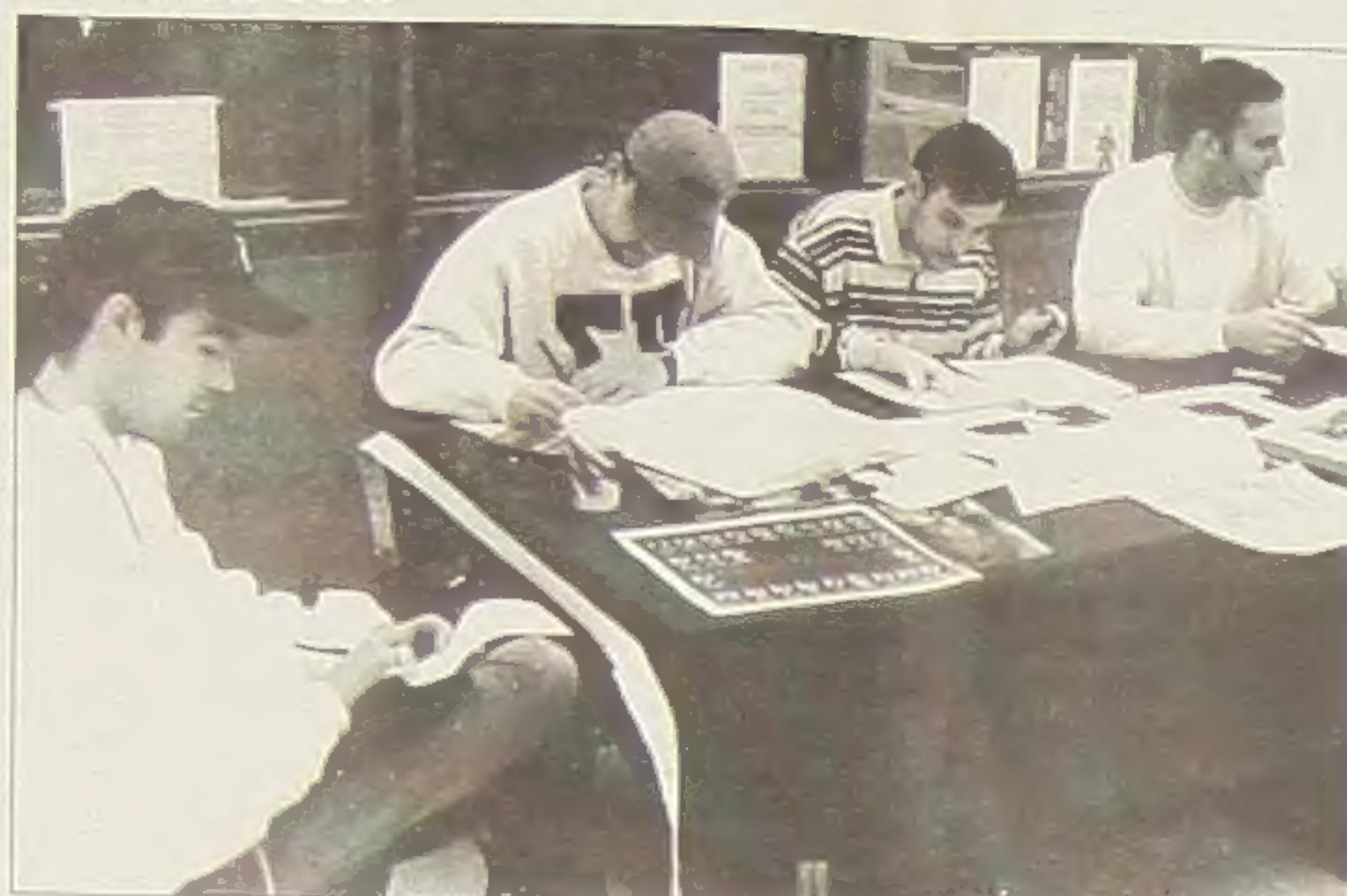
Southern's next tournament comes this weekend at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

"They should do pretty well," Marlow said. "This is a big tournament."

"There will be more than 70 teams from all over the country. We should make it into the first elimination round, if not the second round."

Southern will enter the teams of Dennis and Newton, and senior Eric Dicharry and freshman Stuart Smart. □

## WE WANT YOU



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Four members of the Sigma Pi fraternity man a table outside the bookstore in the Billingsly Student Center's Lions' Den, hoping to recruit a few new pledges. The rush week is Jan. 22 through Jan. 25.

## REGISTRATION: Students must be registered by Feb. 7 to vote on March 5

From Page 1

hopefully we are encouraging students to be active in the community. In all of the letters I have sent out, I am not saying to vote for the proposal; I am simply saying 'Please vote.'

"I just wish these students would take a close look at the whole picture."

Student services will provide a 47-passenger shuttle, donated by

Joe Simmons of Travel Planners, to the city clerk's office at Sixth and Pearl for all students who live in Joplin but are not registered. The shuttle will run Friday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. from the Anderson Justice Center parking lot.

Dolence said making students aware of the major events center and what it could do for Southern and the community is the key.

"We are trying to get the word

out to student who live within the city limits of Joplin that if they are not registered, then we are encouraging them to register," he said.

"We are not telling them to vote for this proposal, but we certainly think they will be missing out on a wonderful opportunity."

"I think it would be one of the greatest recruiting devices available for the College."

Besides the major events center

being a recruiting tool for the College and the community, Dolence said it boils down to one thing—space.

"Ever since I have been here we have been extremely limited in what we can do and the facilities we have had for things like our intramural programming," he said.

"A facility of this type could expand exposure and physical and wellness activities."

The Lionbackers Club, an athletic booster organization, will staff a campaign center at 418 Main in Joplin.

"There will be a mailing that will come out four weeks before the events, and then we will mail something a few weeks after that," said Jim Frazier, men's athletic director. "Even though the Lionbackers are heading the project, I like to think they are not the only ones doing it." □

## WEEDN: Senate president to leave office at semester's end

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know there is more that she can give to others. I won't make a "Carpe Diem" challenge; it's your own life, your own school, and your own future.

I thought that by being Senate president I could make a difference.

Now, it is no longer in my hands. It takes more than a single person, more than a small group.

I am leaving Southern in May. I love her deeply, but we must part. I am thankful for all I've had, but I

of growing socially as well as academically.

But why the hell are you here anyway? For a piece of paper with BS on it? No, we are here to learn something.

But the secret that eludes Southern students is that most of the learning in college doesn't take place in the classroom. □

## NOTICE

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# Sports SCOPE

Basketball Lions have discovered their 'go-to' guy

I can only think of one word to describe Lions' senior Eddie Reece's last-second heroics—amazing.

The estimated 950 fans at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium Wednesday night catapulted into an awkward silence as the 5-10 guard from South Carolina took the Lions' chance

for a victory into his own hands. And for the second time this season, he was successful, giving Southern a 78-76 MIAA conference win.

Rick Rogers  
Managing Editor  
Reece has proven he is the Lions' go-to guy down the stretch. He has demonstrated that in order for Southern's car to function, his spark plug [ital]must [endital] be firing. Head coach Robert Corn, with two key victories against top MIAA teams under his belt this season, has realized Reece can handle the pressure.

Reece, who left the team last season because of personal problems, has come back this year to solidify the Lions' back court with a 19.5 scoring average. But besides Reece's 22 points against the University of Missouri-St. Louis, here are some other key components which led to the rafter-shaking Lion win.

\* The play of Southern center Joe Drum—Before entering Wednesday's contest, the 6-7 junior from Smithton, Mo., was averaging 9.1 points a game along with 4.1 rebounds. But numbers could not add up the contributions Drum made to the Lions' victory.

It seemed as if Drum had ice running through his veins during the game's final minutes as he sank four consecutive free throws to tie the game with 1:03 to play. Drum scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half, not to mention he kept UMSL's leading scorer, Eric Bickel, scoreless for the final 3:36.

\* Key performances from the Lions' bench—Besides Drum, three other members of the Lions' bench, who combined for 10 points on the night, had a key role in the Lions' fourth MIAA victory.

With one second left on the clock in the first half, Iric Farmer, a 6-6 senior center, put the Lions up by nine heading into halftime with a left-baseline jumper.

Junior forward Greg Ray came off the bench scoring seven of his eight points within a 10-minute span in the first half. In the first half Ray, whose game point total was well above his season average of 1.9 points per game, gave the Lions their biggest lead of the game at 36-23 with a lay in the 6:46 mark.

Even though he did not score a basket, junior guard Lance Robbins' pesky defense stifled the Rivermen's guard tandem of Lawndale Thomas and Mark Lash.

\* Foul, or no foul—After UMSL's last-second shot to tie the game fell short, UMSL head coach Rich Meckfessel, who thought a foul should have been called during the shot, was furious at the officials' decision to lose their whistles.

"I guess it was all up to the testament of the courage of the officials," Meckfessel said. □

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Reece's heroics sink Rivermen

Point guard's final basket gives Lions 78-76 victory; winning streak now at 2

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

Eddie Reece's bucket with four seconds remaining sent the University of Missouri-St. Louis' Rivermen's second-half surge out to dry and gave the Lions a 78-76 victory Wednesday night.

Southern improves to 4-3 in the MIAA and 9-8 overall, matching UMSL's conference and seasonal records. The game marked the Rivermen's final appearance in Young Gymnasium, as UMSL is set to join the Great

Lakes Valley Conference next year.

Head coach Robert Corn said with 13 seconds on the clock and the game deadlocked at 76-76, there was no doubt who was going to handle the ball.

"In that situation you have to have someone who can take the ball and get a good shot," Corn said. "You can't be afraid to shoot the basketball, and Eddie is our guy in that situation."

"It is no secret if we get put in that situation again who is going to get the basketball. He will do a great job of finding the open man if he is covered, too."

Reece, who scored the winning basket against Missouri Western on Jan. 10, said his main goal was not to leave UMSL any time on the clock for a shot at the tying or winning basket.

"I got the ball in and was working for a quick shot, but their guard Lawndale Thomas was all

up on me," Reece said. "I cleared it out, took the ball in, put up a fade-away jumper, and it went in."

Junior center Joe Drum, who etched 10 points in the final seven minutes, hit four consecutive free throws to tie the game 76-76 at the 1:03 mark. Drum finished the game with 14 points.

Corn said a good performance from his bench, which accounted for 24 points, including Drum's clutch performance from the line, swung the momentum in the Lions' favor.

"We scored only 26 points in the second half—that is not very many—and Joe had half of them," Corn said.

"That tells you what kind of production we got from him. He got a huge defensive rebound at the other end and then converted on his free throws."

Rivermen head coach Rich Meckfessel said

Eric Bickel's 19-point second half was marred by two costly fouls which put Drum in position to tie the game.

"He had a really great game and a very good second half," Meckfessel said. "But he committed the dumb foul that really hurt us bad."

UMSL, after being down 52-43 at halftime, grabbed its first lead at the 12:13 mark of the second half. The Rivermen's 6-10 senior Bickel who scored a game-high 29 points, came out of halftime red-hot, scoring 14 of the Rivermen's first 10 second-half points.

Riding a two-game winning streak, the Lions depart on a two-game road trip beginning at Northeast Missouri State University Saturday and finishing at Northwest Missouri State University Wednesday.

"Even though we won this game, we now have to go on the road," Reece said. "But it was a big win for us." □

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# 25 points highlight for Scott

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER  
SPORTS EDITOR

In their final trip to Young Gymnasium, the University of Missouri-St. Louis' Riverwomen fell to the Lady Lions 86-75 Wednesday night.

Junior center Marie Scott proved too strong for UMSL in the paint, netting 25 points and 13 rebounds for Missouri Southern (12-4 overall, 3-4 MIAA).

"We played pretty well," Riverwomen head coach Jim Coen said, "but we just couldn't handle Scott. [Melissa] Grider had a good game, but she's not what hurt us; Scott hurt."

Grider, who scored her 1,000th career point Saturday night against Emporia State, had 20 points against the Riverwomen (3-13 overall, 0-7 MIAA).

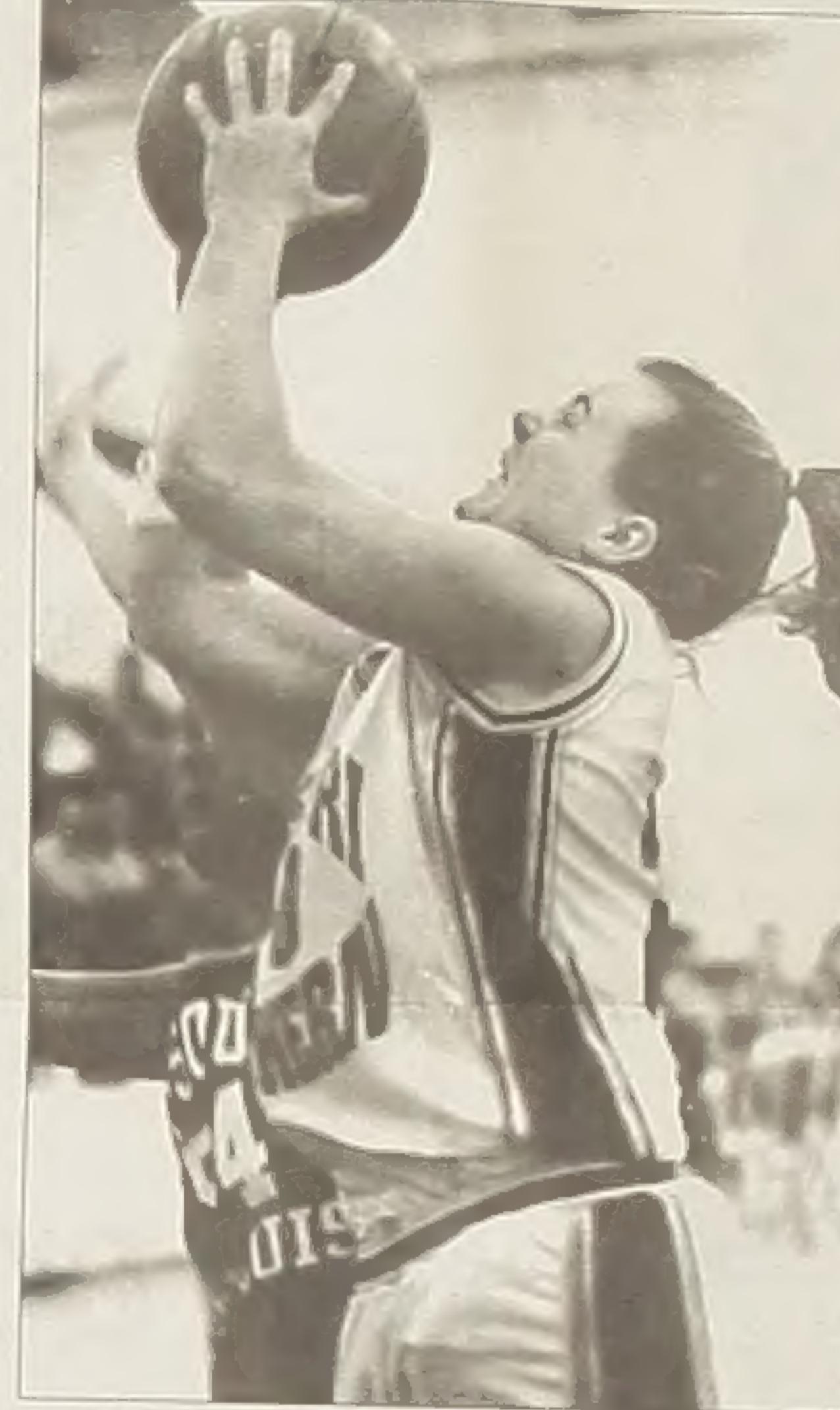
UMSL had two high scorers in senior Nicole Christ and junior Deena Applebury. The two combined for 50 of the Riverwomen's points.

Lady Lion head coach Carrie Kaifes said passing and getting the ball inside was the key for her team.

"All we have to do is pass the ball and get inside to win," she said.

UMSL came within one point of the Lady Lions just under three minutes into the second half. Southern went into the break with a 41-35 lead.

All 13 members of the team played and scored in the victory.



DEBORAH SOLON/The Chieftain

Senior guard Melissa Grider was held to 20 points in Southern's 86-75 victory over the University of Missouri-St. Louis Wednesday.

"We let everyone go out and play, and they held their ground," Kaifes said.

"They made themselves believe in each other."

Senior guard Sandra Cunningham followed Grider with 10 points.

"Cunningham did well for us."

Kaifes said, "She drove the ball and shot well."

Southern will travel to Kirksville Saturday to take on the Lady Bulldogs (8-8, 3-4).

The Lady Lions travel to Maryville Wednesday to meet Northwest Missouri State University (10-7, 3-4). □

## STATS & HONORS

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## PUTTING UP THE 'J'



ANDY SWIFT/The Chart

Torrius Fisher, a 6-6 junior forward, scored 14 points in the Lions' 78-76 victory Wednesday at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. He scored 10 points in the first half.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**Ballard returns to Southern**

**Ex-Lady Lion head coach snatches 68-65 victory at Young Gymnasium**

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

**D**uring Central Missouri's see-saw 68-65 women's basketball victory against Missouri Southern Jan. 13, eyes were focused on one individual. It wasn't Southern's gritty Melissa Grider or the Jennies' high-scoring Bertha Pascal. He was CMSU's new head coach, Scott Ballard, who coached his first game at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium after leaving Southern in early July. At Southern, Ballard finished with a record of 102-42 in five seasons, taking the Lady Lions to the regional tournament twice.

Besides changing his tie-color scheme from Lion green to Jennie red, nothing seemed different about Ballard's court-side demeanor.

He argued with the referees like he was leisurely discussing politics around the water cooler, and paced the left sideline with an eerie comfort. But Ballard said he knew the first game at Southern would not be an ordinary one.

"It's the first time I have ever been in this situation," he said. "It seems weird having to coach at that end, but after 10 minutes you get used to it. I was able to walk down to the middle of the scorer's table, so I was getting pretty close to their end."

First-year Southern head coach Carrie Kafes said she tried to stay focused on the game itself, and not the talk of Ballard's



Ex-Lady Lion head coach Scott Ballard paces the sideline at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium Jan. 13. The CMSU Jennies, under Ballard, defeated Southern 68-65.

return.

"Actually I really never noticed it," Kafes said. "He did talk to the refs like he knew them, and they talked to him the whole game. But that is vintage Scottie."

Ballard, whose Jennies are now 15-1 overall and 5-1 in the MIAA, said it was exciting to return to Joplin because of how the pregame hoopla surrounding his comeback boiled over into the game itself.

"Both teams played up to what everybody was building it up to be," he said. "I see a rivalry starting that is clean, and I thought the players, for as tense as they were, did a

good job of keeping hold of their emotions."

In many cases a coach's pregame talk focuses on what that team needs to accomplish before the final buzzer, but Ballard said against Southern he prepared his team for something a little out of the ordinary.

"I told them that the place would be packed and people will come here because I used to coach here and they will want to see the rivalry," he said.

"But you know you are good if people come and watch you and there is pressure involved. If you can't play under pressure, then you know you are not any good." □

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Vavra. "But out of 14 girls, we have six freshmen; we're just real young."

Vavra said she is fortunate to have a core group of upperclassmen who are ready for the responsibility of leadership.

"We do have some very mature girls who have the ability to lead us and help us to do

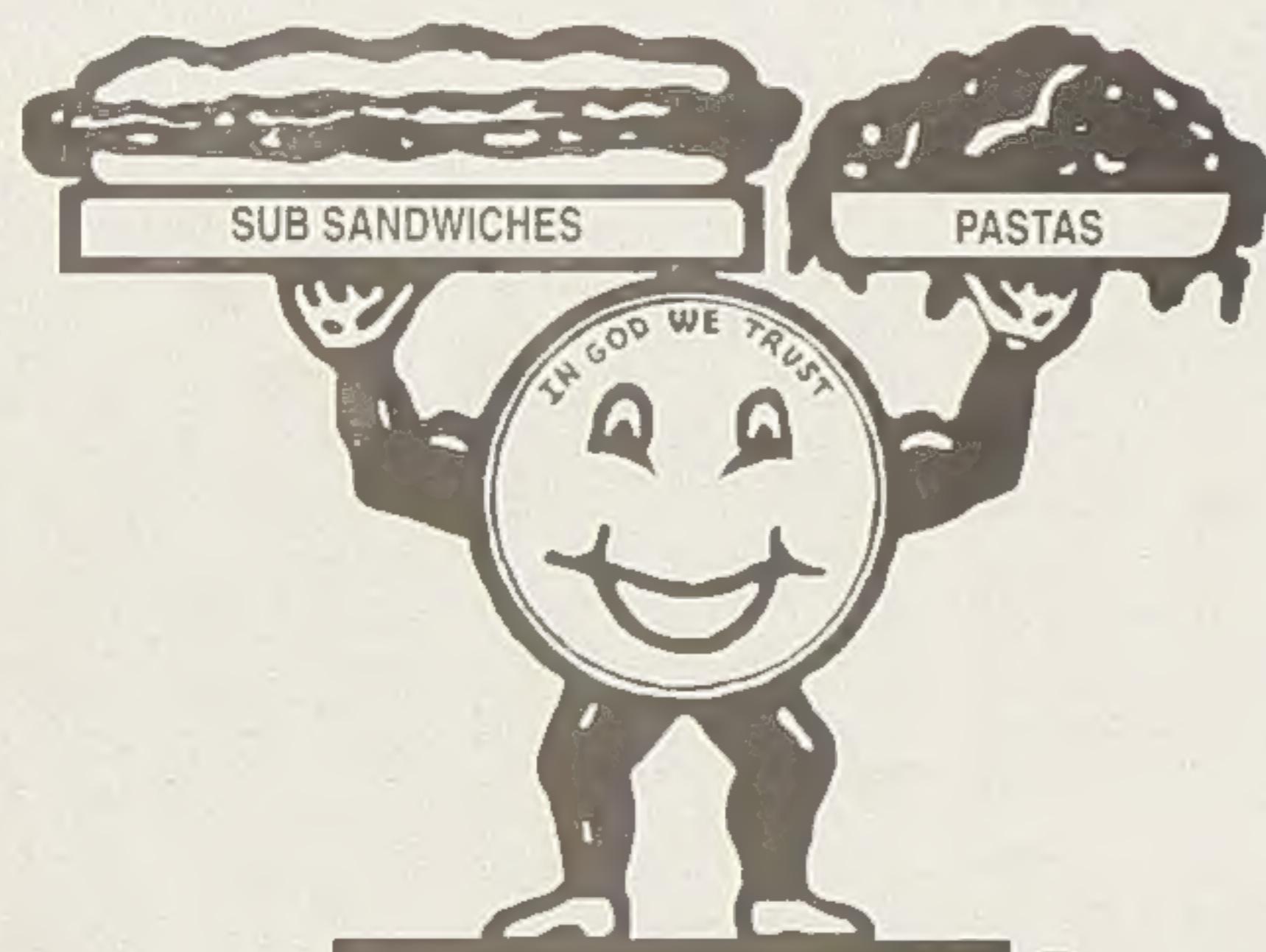
some good things," she said. "This is going to be a rebuilding year, I think. But these girls could surprise me."

One of those Vavra expects to step to the front is senior distance runner Rhonda Cooper.

"Rhonda is one of those girls you really love to have," Vavra said. "She is a strong

competitor who works and leads by example. And with her ability to run the mile, she should definitely score us some points."

"This year is going to be a building process. We are really young. Indoor will be especially tough on us, because this will be the first indoor season most of these girls have gone through." □



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